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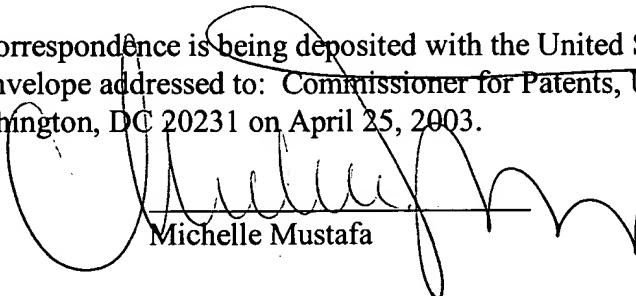
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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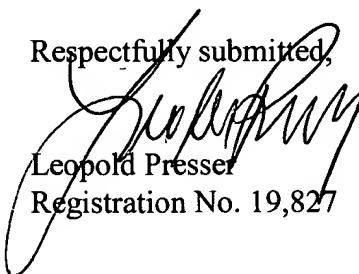
1. United States Patent No. 6,024,750, dated February 15, 2000, issued to Mastri, et al.;
2. United States 6,214,023, dated April 10, 2001, issued to Whipple, et al.; and
3. United States Patent No. 6,325,811 B1, dated December 4, 2001, issued to Messerly.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office dated November 22, 2002. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. Please note that the fourth reference listed in the Search Report is not enclosed, as it was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of May 4, 2001. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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